

after the original recording to an instrument presented for rerecording. The register of deeds shall not be is not required to verify or make inquiry concerning any of the following:

- (1) ~~(i) the~~ The legal sufficiency of any proof or acknowledgement, acknowledgement.
- (2) ~~(ii) the~~ The authority of any officer who took a proof or acknowledgement, acknowledgement.
- (3) ~~(iii) the~~ The legal sufficiency of any document presented for registration, registration, or ~~(iv) upon presentation of the original document for re-recording, whether the original document has been changed or altered."~~

(a1) Verification of Electronic Documents. – The requirements of subsection (a) of this section for verification of the execution of an instrument are satisfied with respect to an electronic document if all of the conditions in this subsection are met. For purposes of this subsection, the term "electronic document" is as defined in G.S. 47-16.2(3). The conditions are:

- (1) The register of deeds has authorized the submitter to electronically register the electronic document.
- (2) The document is submitted by a United States federal or state governmental unit or instrumentality or a trusted submitter. For purposes of this subsection, "a trusted submitter" means a person or entity that has entered into a memorandum of understanding regarding electronic recording with the register of deeds in the county in which the electronic document is to be submitted.
- (3) The execution of the instrument by one or more signers appears to have been proved or acknowledged before an officer with the apparent authority to take proofs or acknowledgements, and the proof or acknowledgment includes the officer's signature, commission expiration date, and official seal, if required, based on the appearance of these elements on the digitized image of the document as it will appear on the public record.
- (4) Evidence of other required governmental certification or annotation appears on the digitized image of the document as it will appear on the public record.
- (5) With respect to a document submitted by a trusted submitter, the digitized image of the document as it will appear on the public record contains the submitter's name in the following completed statement on the first page of the document image: "Submitted electronically by _____ (submitter's name) in compliance with North Carolina statutes governing recordable documents and the terms of the submitter agreement with the _____ (insert county name) County Register of Deeds."
- (6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the digitized image of the electronic document conforms to all other applicable laws and rules that prescribe recordation.

(a2) Verification of Officer's Signature. – Submission to a register of deeds of an electronic document requiring proof or acknowledgement is a representation by the submitter that, prior to submission, the submitter verified the officer's signature required under subdivision (a1)(3) of this section to be one of the types of signatures listed in this